

**Washington County DCFS Child Welfare  
Quality Improvement Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
03 Nov. 2014  
12:00 1:00 p.m.**

**Mission Statement:**

The Washington County Quality Improvement Committee (QIC), working in partnership with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), advocate for the client well-being by identifying areas of Improvement and promoting changes within the child welfare system

**Attending:** Craig Bunnell, Martha Beacco, Ben Ashcraft, Creta Chessman, Vickie Schouten, Kelly Stapley, Karen Goff, Tami Fullerton, Shirley Owen, Julie Nelson, Debbie Justice, Wayne Preston, Lori Short, Gordon Gunn, Jana Timmons

**Excused:**

**Visitors:**

**Introductions/News/Announcements:**

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Creta Chessman 2<sup>nd</sup> Jana Timmons

**Committee Member Reports:**

- A. **CJC:**
- B. **C.A.S.A.:**
- C. **Utah Foster Care:** Adoption Celebration 8 November 2014 at the Town Square Park from 12-3. There will be Activities, Information Booths, and other Adoption Agencies.
- D. **DJJS:** DJJS has been approved for a Work Force Service Grant for 2 Full Time Youth Service Mentors. Positions have not been opened up yet. Youth will be identified by Principles and Resource Officers. This Program will look at youth who haven't been in a lot of trouble but could that direction. Youth will receive equal time with a positive approach. The Activities that is prosocial. Activities will be what the Youth are asking for. Activities that is not available in the School or in the Community.  
**Action Item:** Craig asking Tami to Present in Jan.
- E. **School District:**
- F. **Community Members: Kids Closet:** Elks have suitcases (really nice ones) Caseworkers need to know about them.  
**Salvation Army:** They might have the resources to help dispense items from the Kids Closet. They are opened 8 hrs.  
Also, the City Council might be able to help with Inventory.  
The Crisis Center doesn't have the staff to man it.  
We might be able to look at CASA to help. (???)
- G. **DCFS: State Office Personal will come and Present "Homeworks"**  
Part of the "Homeworks" Project is the Coaching aspect which begins today.  
**Invites –** We need to educate the Community and Invite:  
Colleen Moore and Kris Nelson So. West Mental Health (Kelly),  
Brandon from Probation (Craig)  
Kathy Laub from Mill Creek High (Vickie)  
Rose Neidzwicki from the Hospital
- H. **TLC: Debbie Justice –** There is a program for Mother's who have done Methamphetamine and Heroine. Mothers have to still be pregnant to receive these services. They can call 435-673-5353

**AGENDA:****1. Kinship (Gordon Gunn/Martha Beacco)**

Gordon and Martha presented Kinship

- KBS00 is a Preliminary Packet so that CW can place children immediately with Family with a quick Back Ground Check.
- KBS01 does a more extensive Back Ground Check and begins the Licensing process for the Families with Kinship.
- KBS02 allows family and friends to have visitation, overnight stays, babysitting etc...

Handout - Gordon also handed out Southwest Region's Gold Card which helps workers identify what process to follow.

Discussion: Same Sex Marriage

- DCFS recognizes all legally married couples and individuals who meet the Licensing and DCFS criteria for preliminary, kinship, foster care, and adoptive placements.
- When placement decisions are being made, we must always consider what's in the best interest of the child(ren).

**DISMISS:** 1:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: 01 Dec. 2014**

**Public Comments** (brief mention of items that may be included on future agenda's)

**QIC Website:** QIC website at <http://www.utahqic.utah.gov/>. --Carol Miller

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